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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Clifford Wingo of Mansfield as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Clifford Wingo of Mansfield.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Wingo was nominated by Lona Ryan, president of the Mansfield Senior Citizens Club.

Wingo, a retired Mansfield police officer, served for six years on the Mansfield City Council, where he pushed hard for the creation of the Mansfield Area Community Betterment Organization. His work for MACBO brought Mansfield a community center with a gym, weight room, meeting rooms, two kitchens and an aerobics room.

In her nomination, Ryan said Wingo has logged more than 5,000 hours of volunteer work establishing and operating the center.

“Clifford has always enjoyed his hours of service at the community center without any expectation of reward,” she said.

Becky Davis, director of Mount Grove Senior Center and the first director of the Mansfield Community Center, said no one worked harder for the MACBO and the Mansfield Community Center than Wingo.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Wingo with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol.

“Clifford Wingo sets an example for all Missourians with his kindness and willingness to serve the Mansfield community,” Kinder said. “His selfless service and tireless efforts to turn the dream of a community center into a reality is an inspiration to all.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state's 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. Wingo won in District 33.